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SUBJECT: KIRILLIN CALL ON THE SECRETARY

1. THIS TELEGRAM IS BASED ON AN UNCLEARED MEMCON AND IS
SUBJECT TO REVISION.

2. DEPUTY PREMIER KIRILLIN ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR
DOBRYNIN CALLED ON THE SECRETARY JULY 7. MARSHALL SHULMAN,
PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISOR PRESS AND ACTING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY GANLEY WERE ALSO PRESENT ON U.S. SIDE.

3. CONVERSATION COVERED PRINCIPALLY PROGRESS AND POTENTIAL
OF BILATERAL COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS,
WITH MAGNETOHYDRODYNAMICS (MHD) PROJECT CITED BY BOTH
SIDES AS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.
THE SECRETARY, WELCOMING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, SAID SUCH ACTIVITIES
ARE A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR RELATIONS. HE
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE PROGRESS SHOWN IN THESE FIELDS
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COULD BE DUPLICATED IN OTHER BILATERAL AREAS.

4. KIRILLIN AGREED ON THE VALUE OF COOPERATIVE EXCHANGES,
ADDING THAT HE AND PRESS WERE PLEDGED TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS

AND MOVE AHEAD ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. PRESS CITED
POOR COMMUNICATIONS AS A PRIME OBSTACLE AND NOTED THAT

HE AND KIRILLIN WOULD HENCEFORTH BE USING THE PHONE AS A MEANS TO SOLVE FUTURE DIFFICULTIES QUICKLY. PRESS ALSO SAID CONTINUING ATTENTION WOULD BE GIVEN TO BALANCE OF BENEFIT, NOT NECESSARILY WITHIN EACH PROJECT, BUT OVERALL.

5. IN A BRIEF EXCHANGE THE SECRETARY NOTED THE LANGUAGE BARRIER AND WELCOMED THE RECENT EXPANSION OF DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET UNIVERSITIES. AT A LATER POINT, SHULMAN REFERRED TO THE UTILITY OF ARMS CONTROL DISCUSSIONS IN SUCH FORUMS AS PUGWASH, IN WHICH THOSE PRESENT HAD EARLIER PARTICIPATED, AND ASKED ABOUT FUTURE PROSPECTS. KIRILLIN, HOWEVER, SAID THAT HIS CURRENT POSITION DID NOT GIVE HIM A BASIS TO PROMOTE REVIVAL OF THESE EXCHANGES.

6. COMMENT: KIRILLIN APPEARED RELAXED AND APPRECIATIVE OF OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY. HE KEPT HIS OWN COMMENTS CLOSE TO SCIENTIFIC MATTERS AND MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF PRAISING U.S. HOSTS FOR GOOD ARRANGEMENTS AND A CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR HIS TALKS HERE. VANCE

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